

REMARKS

Claims 1-52 are pending in this application, of which, claims 12-23, 35-49, 51 and 52 have been withdrawn from consideration. By this amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 24 to further clarify the present invention. An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this response or any paper filed herewith, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4579. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4579. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ATTACHED.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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